

OGC 72-0188

11 February 1972

MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Symington Amendment Report

1. The undersigned received a telephone call from Mr. Pernick at the State Department who, I am informed, is acting for Joseph J. Wolf in attempting to prepare the report to the Congress required by the Symington Amendment setting a ceiling of \$350 million for expenditures in Laos.
2. Mr. Pernick wished to know if the Agency could concur in the proposed letter to the Congress with the second paragraph reading as follows:

Representatives of the Executive Branch are prepared to respond, subject to the security classification that might be indicated, to queries concerning this report to the appropriate committees.

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3. This was discussed with the Executive Director-Comptroller who approved this wording. After discussing the matter with Mr. [REDACTED] in FE Division, I then called Pernick and told him the Agency could buy this new wording but just to be certain I asked him to read me the entire paragraph which he did. He was working from the same draft which I had in front of me, that is, the one drafted by JJWolf on 2/8/72. Mr. Pernick volunteered that the previous second paragraph has been deleted in toto.

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Att. - Proposed Ltr
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[REDACTED]
Deputy General Counsel

cc: [REDACTED]

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Dear Mr. Speaker:

Pursuant to Section 505(f) of the Act of November 17, 1971 (PL 92-156) there is enclosed herewith a written report showing the total amount of assistance-related expenditures in, for, or on behalf of Laos, subject to the ceiling of \$350 million set forth in Section 505(a) thereof. This report covers the first two quarters of the Fiscal Year beginning on July 1, 1971 and, consonant with the statute, has been computed on the basis of the most accurate estimates that the responsible Department and Agency heads can make, taking into consideration all information available to them.

I believe I should draw your attention to the fact that the enclosed report reflects the expenditures of somewhat less than half of the ceiling authorized by Section 505(a), but that in light of the fact that our experience is that expenditures in connection with Laos have increased in the second half of each Fiscal Year, it may well become essential that further authority of law be sought pursuant to Section 505(c) for expenditures in excess of the \$350 million ceiling.

Representatives of the Executive Branch are prepared to respond, subject to the security classification that might be indicated, to queries concerning this report to the ^{APPROPRIATE} Committee, ~~to which this report is referred.~~

I am sending a similar letter with a copy of the identical report to the President of the Senate.

Sincerely,

William P. Rogers

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